

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the following paragraph beginning on page 1, at line 3:

This is a ~~continuation-in-part of~~ USSN U.S. national entry of International Application No. PCT/US98/18368, filed on September 3, 1998, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/057,895, filed on September 4, 1997 which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety for all purposes.